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addition to the literature on this subject. The book is indexed thoroughly, and the paper, typography and binding are of the best.

Bliss on Code Pleading. A Treatise upon the Law of Pleading under the Codes of Civil Procedure, etc. By Philemon Bliss, LL.D. Third Edition, Revised and Annotated by E. F. Johnson, B.S., LL.M. One volume, 8vo., law sheep, xxxv. + 809 pp. \$6.00 net. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1894.

Judge Bliss' work on "Code Pleading" has been in constant use by the profession and by instructors in our leading law schools for a number of years, and needs no words of introduction and commendation. It is an analytical, logical and philosophical presentation of the fundamental principles of code pleading, and embodies the results of long years of study. The author wrote with a two-fold purpose, first, to make the work a practical one by giving the rulings of courts which have been called on to give a construction to the provisions of the code, and second, to present to the members of the bar the scientific aspect of the code by giving the foundation and object of its rules. The work is divided into two principal parts, Of the Action and Of the Pleadings. Under the former are considered the Nature and Form of Actions, and the Parties to the Action, and under the latter, which composes the body of the work, are considered, Title, Statement and Relief, with rules governing what should not, and what should be stated, and the manner of stating; The Answer, with the subdivision of Denial, Defense of New Matter, and Counter-claim; The Reply; and Remedies for Defective Pleading, subdivided under Demurrer, Answer, Motion and Amendment. Mr. Johnson, the editor of this third edition, has preserved substantially the text of the former editions, but has increased the value of the work as a book of reference by embodying the subject matter of each paragraph in a single prefatory sentence, in conspicuous black type, and by the addition in large type, of leading cases which have been cited and approved by courts of high authority. In the notes many new topics of recent development are considered and discussed, and a valuable chapter has been added, on the subject of Extraordinary Legal Remedies. The mechanical features of the book are all that could be desired.

Outline Study of Law. By Isaac Franklin Russell, D.C.L., LL.D., Professor in the University of the City of New York. Bound in sheep, 270 pages. L. K. Strouse & Co., New York, 1894.

This little volume contains a summary of a course of lectures

delivered by its author before a class of non-matriculants. The introductory lectures are devoted to a study of the nature of law, and the subsequent ones to the divisions and subdivisions into which law is usually divided. The author reveals a breadth of knowledge that forms a rich back-ground to the terse but clear statements which characterize each lecture. It is an excellent book on elementary law.

The American Digest (Annual, 1894) September 1, 1893 to August 31, 1894. Prepared by the Editorial Staff of the National Reporter System. West Publishing Co., St. Paul. October, 1894.

This huge volume of 5431 pages, contains a digest of the decisions of the principal courts of this country, together with notes of English and Canadian cases. The decisions are arranged under topics and sub-topics, and by an elaborate system of general and specific cross references, one may turn in a moment to the particular paragraph of a decision, for which he is seeking. At the end of the volume is a valuable table of cases that have been overruled, criticised, followed and distinguished during the year. The task of preparing this work must be herculean, and the West Publishing Co. deserve the congratulations and thanks of the profession on the thoroughness with which it is performed, and the promptness with which it is issued. The volume is printed in clear type and bound substantially, and is capable of resisting the severe handling it is sure to receive.

Principles of the Law of Real Property. By the late Joshua Williams. The 17th Edition, Rearranged and Partly Re-written by his son, T. Cyprian Williams. With American Notes by Harry B. Hutchins, Professor of Law in Cornell University. Law sheep, lii. + 813 pages. Price, \$4.00 net. Boston: The Boston Book Co., 1894.

Very few books of an elementary character, treating a single subject of law, have stood so successfully the test of time as Joshua Williams' work on Real Property. The first edition appeared a half-century ago and was immediately recognized as a scholarly and masterly treatment of the subject. The author, by taking a mean course between elaborate detail and a bare statement of principle, produced a work that was readable and intelligible to students possessing no previous knowledge of law. His presentation of the logical and historical development of the law on this subject did much to free the mind of the erroneous, but quite prevalent opinion that the law of real property was simply a compilation of technical, arbitrary and unreasonable rules. This